

I thought that love had been a boy

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius
[Soprano]

Medius
[Alto]

Contratenor
[Alto]

Tenor
[Tenor]

Bassus
[Bass]

I thought that

I thought that love had been a boy, that

I thought that love had been a boy, *I thought that*

I thought that love had been a boy, *I thought that*

I thought that love had been a boy,

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love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, or else some

love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther wan - ton

love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther wan - ton

love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther, some o - ther

with blind - ed eyes, with blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther wan - ton

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o - ther wan - ton toy, that men de - vise,

toy that men de - vise, that men de - vise,

toy that men de - vise, that men de - vise, that men de -

wan - ton toy that men de - vise, de - vise, like tales of

toy, some o - ther wan - ton toy, that men de - vise, like tales of

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told,

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age

- vise, like tales of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age that

fai - ries, of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting

fai - ries, like tales of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting

by do - ting age that dies, for cold,

that dies, that dies for cold, for cold, like tales

dies for cold, for cold, for cold, that dies for cold,

age that dies for cold, for cold, like tales of fai - ries,

age, by do - ting age that dies for cold, like tales of fai - ries,

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told,

of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age that dies for

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age that

of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told by do - ting age that dies for

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by do - ting age that dies for cold, by
 cold, that dies for cold, by
 dies for cold, by do - ting
 age that dies for cold, that dies for cold, by
 cold, by do - ting age that dies for cold, by

do - ting age that dies for cold.
 do - ting age that dies for cold.
 age that dies for cold, for cold.
 do - ting age that dies for cold, for cold.
 do - ting age that dies for cold.

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